

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-16 are pending.

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

In accordance with the foregoing, the claims are amended, and, thus, the pending claims remain for reconsideration, which is respectfully requested.

No new matter has been added.

The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

35 U.S.C. § 101 REJECTION:

The Office Action rejects independent claims 1 and 9 because "no substantial practical application can be found." The Office Action asserts that "it is an intended operation of the second processor to execute either the portion or entirety of the instruction set that the first processor executes, and no real execution has been occurred."

In accordance with the foregoing, independent claims 1 and 9 are amended to clarify the assignment of processes to the first and second processors. Specifically, claim 1, for example, is amended to recite, in part: "the specific process is assigned to said second processor for execution by the second processor whereas the other processes are assigned to said first processor for execution by the first processor." Such actual process assignment indicates real execution and a substantial practical application.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-16 comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 101. Accordingly, withdrawal of the claim rejection is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

The Office Action, at item 9, indicates "claims 1-16 are allowable over the art on record, upon pending condition of '101' set forth above." Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 101. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

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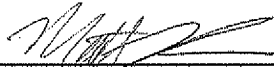
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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